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Saigon
Gen'l Thieu

McNaughton Breakfast

not thinking Pacification. / Depuy: a grim prognosis.

2c [mood: troubled and anguished.] - .

2b not sold on V.C. - [thing is much worse.]   P. Lodge; Harkins; Finletter.

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Johnson's Prescription is slow closing in.

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General Trend from Pacification to War.

Psychological Training is inadequate. we gotta build it up.

Taylor on Lansdale –

USOM shortages – subsector.

Denney – Coastal Infiltration – [Laos & Barrel Roll. – make em do it the hard wa

– Sullivan. –

Manpower – they'll do their best.

Language training –

Do Not Create Joint US-GVN Command

Taylor:

- You're squeezing a dry lemon
- You can't hook up a fire hydrant to a garden hose.
- refugees: to be used positively.
- resources control – fleets & waterways
- Prepare for Tobruk.
- [do not send Marine battalions] ≡

Killen:

we oughta ultimatum to generals: no more coups.

MACV – Blank Check in hard goods

1130 | Lodge | Saigon A-659. - actively interested in rescue.
Emotional
-Hop Tac -
Paul Harkins and lack of control.

HCL | Agreement on Hop Tac. - June 1964.

Con Rule.

Counter-Subversion - Terrorism.
not dissimilar to Bill Foster.

Police Adviser - Ryan nice polite guy - not big enough.
there's .

P.A. | Lodge to Japan - on Buddhists { persuaded not to do it in 1964.
when would Japan be workable.
after March 16?
Emily to go? or compensation.

Sam Thompson - Lake. - Holbrook (USOM) James

No Lansdale - No Phillips - Thomson the best for reclaiming.
Fraley - Conein -
Khanh's buddy - every one
John M. Dunn - understands it well - (?!?) at Leavenworth.

rifle shot - not buckshot.

Lodge's private counsel

① thank him for his trust.

② Besieged by Press here + at Metropolitan Club

③ no report - exchange of views - discussion

④ NBC - SUNDAY - will go on.

my views but not advice to President

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a USOM item that really works.

APA Congress to keep the dogs in Berlin. — once a week.

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1250 - 1 P + HCL + McGB - 1/2 hr.

frankly recap of Lodge's thoughts - casual + disjointed - full of digs.

[Lunch w/ P.

P - Rusk - McNamara - McNaughton - McG-B.]

- Selma - Alabama. Judge Injunction

Wallace orders 700 Guardsmen.

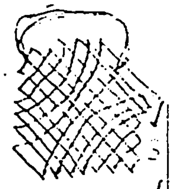
Buford w/ Governor - HHH w/ Mayor 100%.

he's a most interesting fella - tougher than nails.

tel to Buford : you are

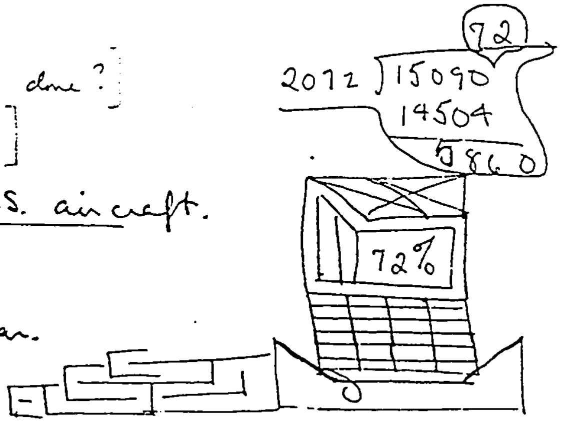
1509 [McNaughton gives basic account he gave me at breakfast.]

[Taylor]



[LBJ) What good have strikes done?]

[DR) ans: a bargaining [chip]]



D① - remove restriction on U.S. aircraft.

Power of Bribery? Not clear.

D② - recommendation for {Ammo Depot, Vit Thu Lu Barracks.} (DR has reservation, but?

P has more dessert -

[McN.) Yes there will be another coup.]

D③ LBJ:) wants pictures : + show em to guy who's raising Hell (Hmm ha)

[I'd much prefer to stay in SVN - But after 15 mo we all agree we have to do more.]